

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 33

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 115

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 33, Nakano. Space-related commerce.

This measure would memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to support specified federal legislation to classify spaceports as exempt facilities and enable state and local entities to sell bonds for private or public development of spaceport infrastructure.

WHEREAS, As we approach the next millennium an unprecedented surge in space technology and commercial enterprise is creating a new space services era; and

WHEREAS, Over 40 countries are vigorously competing to participate in this rapidly expanding industry; and

WHEREAS, At a time of increasing foreign launch competition, the United States Air Force has stated that it intends to encourage private development and become a customer of launch facilities in lieu of its current role as developer, operator, and maintainer of United States space launch complexes; and

WHEREAS, The recently completed Cox Commission report concludes that it is in the national security interest of the United States to expand our domestic launch capability; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of California's economy to encourage the development of a robust commercial launch industry so that the state can continue its role as an international space "center of excellence" in the rapidly growing commercial space market; and

WHEREAS, California's educational institutions, aerospace industries, and highly skilled work force have historically played a dominant role in space education, research, technology, manufacturing, services, and transportation, now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to recognize the driving force of space-related commerce in our economy and support Sen. No. 1239 and H.R. No. 2289, federal legislation to classify spaceports as exempt facilities and enable state and local entities to sell bonds for private or public development of spaceport infrastructure; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate of the United States, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

